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SUBJECT: EC TALKS WITH STEEL EXPORTING COUNTRIES

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 2755 (NOTAL),
(B) EC BRUSSELS 4033 (NOTAL)

1. EC STEEL DIRECTOR MAURICE SCHAEFFER HAS TOLD
MISSION OFFICER THAT HE IS RATHER SATISFIED OVER
RECENT TALKS WITH SUBSTANTIAL STEEL EXPORTERS TO
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THE EC MARKET (REFTELS). SCHAEFFER ACKNOWLEDGED
THAT THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN TALKING WITH ALL
COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED EXPORTS
TO THE EC MARKET. THESE INCLUDE AUSTRIA, SWEDEN,
SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SOUTH KOREA AND AUSTRALIA.

2. SCHAEFFER REJECTED ANY FORMAL RUBRIC FOR THE

TALKS WHICH HE PREFERRED TO CATEGORIZE AS INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE RULES OF THE GAME IN WHICH THE COMMUNITY SOUGHT FRIENDLY ASSURANCES THAT OVERLY AGGRESSIVE TRADE PRACTICES WOULD BE ELIMINATED. SCHAEFFER CLAIMED THAT NO SPECIFIC LEVELS HAVE BEEN AGREED ON, AND THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD NOT BE SURE THAT ITS MESSAGE HAS BEEN HEARD UNTIL STEEL IMPORT STATISTICS BECOME AVAILABLE.

3. SCHAEFFER SAID THE COMMISSION'S MAIN JOB WAS TO IMPRESS ON ITS STEEL TRADING PARTNERS THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH IT VIEWED THE SITUATION AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF SELECTIVE PROTECTIVE MEASURES IF IMPORTS CONTINUED TO CLIMB RAPIDLY. SCHAEFFER ADMITTED THOUGH THAT THE COMMUNITY HAD TO DEAL CAREFULLY WITH COUNTRIES LIKE SOUTH AFRICA, AUSTRALIA OR AUSTRIA WITH WHOM IT ENJOYS SUBSTANTIAL TRADE SURPLUSES AND SIMILARLY WITH SOUTH KOREA WHICH DESERVES SOME SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AS BOTH AN LDC AND A COUNTRY WITH A DEFICIT TRADE BALANCE VIS A VIS THE EC.

4. CONCERNING JAPAN, WITH WHOM THE EC HAS ALREADY AGREED ON 1977 IMPORT LEVELS, SCHAEFFER SAID THAT EARLY IMPORT FIGURES FOR STEEL, WHILE NOT ALARMING, WERE NEVERTHELESS ABOVE LAST YEAR'S LEVEL, BUT HE HOPED THAT THIS WOULD CHANGE AS SOON AS THE JAPANESE BECAME AWARE OF IT.
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5. COMMENT: SCHAEFFER'S DESCRIPTION OF THESE DISCUSSIONS IS IN KEEPING WITH EC COMMISSION'S REFUSAL TO ADMIT THAT ANY "AGREEMENT" TOOK PLACE WITH JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OR STEEL COMPANIES. OUR CONTACTS WITH OTHER MISSIONS HERE INDICATE THAT THE RECENT DISCUSSIONS WERE MORE SPECIFIC THAN SCHAEFFER CLAIMS. THE SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION TOLD US THAT THE COMMISSION WANTS TO SEE SOUTH AFRICAN DELIVERIES CUT TO 50 PERCENT OF THE 1976 LEVEL AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT AUSTRALIAN PRODUCERS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO REDUCE EXPORTS TO THE EC BY 25 PERCENT. END COMMENT.

6. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ADDRESSEE POSTS CAN DEVELOP. MORRIS

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